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Liver Interest Group Meeting

Saturday 7th December 2024
Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town
08:30 - 14:30

In partnership with:



PROGRAMME

NOTES

The Gastroenterology Society of Sub-Saharan Africa Mission Statement

The Gastroenterology Foundation of South Africa was established in 2006. The aim of the Foundation is to contribute towards the continuing medical education of Gastroenterologists and Hepatologists in South Africa.

It is autonomous, directed by a group of trustees chosen from a broad spectrum of academic experience.

In addition, the Foundation has successfully contributed to the postgraduate education of Gastroenterologists by assisting in the financing of fellowships abroad. Recently a major focus has been the post graduate education of GI trainees locally by hosting workshops in South Africa.

Our aim is to fund a number of conferences annually updating all those interested in Gastroenterology and Hepatology in South Africa on recent advances in these specialties.

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8:30	Registration	
8:45-9:00	Welcome and Introduction	Prof Chris Kassianides
	Viral Hepatitis: Chairs: Dr Neliswa Gogela and Prof Geoff Dusheiko	
9:00-9:30	WHO 2024 Hepatitis B Guidelines Update: Increasing access to antiviral therapy	Prof Wendy Spearman
9:30-10:00	Hepatitis B sAg prevalence in under 5-year-olds in South Africa: Why implementation of the Hepatitis B Birth dose vaccine is important	Dr Nishi Prabdial-Sing
10:00-10:30	Hepatitis C in key populations in South Africa: Identification and Linkage to care	Dr Andrew Scheibe
10:30-11:00	Addressing Harm reduction: Access to opiate substitution therapy	Dr Lisa Dannat
11:00-11:30	Brunch	
	Metabolic Dysfunction-associated Steatotic Liver Disease: Chairs: Dr Bilal Bobat and Prof Joel Dave	
11:30-12:00	Steatotic Liver Disease and the importance of risk stratifying for MASLD	Prof Wendy Spearman
12:00-12:30	Addressing the driving forces of MASLD: Obesity and Diabetes	Prof Joel Dave
12:30-13:00	Role of Non-invasive tests for risk stratification: Up-Referral and HCC surveillance	Dr Neliswa Gogela
	Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Chairs: Prof Marc Bernon and Dr Dale Creamer	
13:00-13:30	Update: The management and outcomes of hepatocellular carcinoma in sub-Saharan Africa	Prof Ed Jonas (Virtual)
13:30-14:00	The expanded role of TACE in the management of hepatocellular carcinoma	Prof Marc Bernon
14:00-14:30	Update on immunotherapy for the management of hepatocellular carcinoma	Dr Bilal Bobat
14:30	Close	Prof Wendy Spearman